

Tracking Trade Through the South China Sea



Project Title	Tracking Trade Through the South China Sea
Project Summary	The intern will track and total world and U.S. trade passing through the South China Sea.
Country	United States
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	EAP/MLA
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	1

Project Description

The usual figures regarding trade passage through the South China Sea are \$5.3 trillion annually, of which \$1.2 trillion is U.S. trade. The Office of Multilateral Affairs in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs notes that these figures (estimated to be from 2012) may be substantially out of date. The office seeks a virtual intern to do a thorough review of open source materials, from government, the private sector, and academia, to give an updated estimate of the value of trade passing through the South China Sea in total. Additionally, the office would like the intern to estimate how much of that trade includes U.S. exports and U.S. imports.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

Intern may want to start with the following research angles:

- May want to contact private shipping companies like Maersk as well as major ports in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Jakarta.

- May want to use the following sites to begin research:

- o <https://comtrade.un.org/>

- o <https://comtrade.un.org/labs/BIS-trade-in-goods/?reporter=826&year=2016&flow=2>

Language Requirements

None